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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

I'm writing to appeal to you to NOT grant AT&T and its trade association the petition to take away access to critical unbundled network elements to small broadband companies like SONIC which are providing low cost and affordable fiber gigabit broadband access to low income retirees like me. I was a Comcast customer for many years and had to pay even more for sub-par broadband service [at 15 Mbps]. AT&T delivers even slower speed at a higher cost in my area. Today, thanks to SONIC, I have fiber gigabit broadband service at a fraction of the price that Comcast/AT&T charge for much slower speed, and I don't have to bundle with TV cable services that I don't need or can afford.

We should encourage more small broadband companies like SONIC because they provide critical and affordable high speed fiber broadband services to more people like me. We need more companies like SONIC to compete with the likes of AT&T and Comcast. When there is fair competition, we all win. We shouldn't have to pay more or be gouged for sub-par broadband services which AT&T and Comcast provide for my area.

Instead of competing to offer comparable fiber broadband at low cost, AT&T and its trade association is seeking to deny and cut off companies like SONIC access to UNEs to compete in the residential markets. Thousands of people like me will be MATERIALLY AFFECTED and lose access to affordable low cost gigabit broadband services if they are denied access to critical unbundled network elements [UNEs].

Without companies like SONIC, I will be forced to paying higher prices for sub-par broadband services.

I urge you to deny AT&T and its trade association's petition to cut off access to UNEs for companies like SONIC. We need more competition to expand fiber deployment. SONIC needs unfettered access to the UNEs in order to compete with the telecom giants and to continue to provide critical low cost and affordable fiber broadband services to thousands of us with fixed income.

Thank you for supporting small broadband companies like SONIC.

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